

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, a method of providing local data persistence for said client application, said method being performed by said client application and comprising the steps of:

receiving user data from said user;

receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said client application receives said first hypertext document from a server application.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said hypertext documents are HTML documents.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising the further step of:  
receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and  
in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

6. (Currently amended) In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, apparatus for providing local data persistence for said client application, said apparatus being associated with said client application and comprising:

- means for receiving user data from said user;
- means for receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and
- means responsive to receiving said save command for dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

- means for receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and

- means responsive to receiving said restore command for repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

9. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing local data persistence for a client application in an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, said method steps comprising:

- receiving user data from said user;

- receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

10. (Original) The program storage device of claim 9 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.
11. (Original) The program storage device of claim 9, comprising the further step of:  
receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and  
in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.
12. (New) The method of claim 1 in which said script function is a JavaScript function.
13. (New) The method of claim 1 in which said script function becomes active when loaded to repopulate the first hypertext document with said user data.